

The Upper Falls News

The Upper Falls News is an email newsletter about what's going in our village. The Upper Falls News is brought to you by the Upper Falls Area Council but it's intended to cover any and all news in the village. If you have any upcoming events, activities, news or stories related to Upper Falls just send them to info@UpperFallsNews.org and we'll include them in the next newsletter.

Upper Falls Trivia - *What Upper Falls street is spelled two different ways depending on what end of the street you're on?* (answer below). Share your own favorite Upper Falls trivia (send to info@UpperFallsNews.org) and we'll use it in a future edition of the Upper Falls News.

Upper Falls Million Dollar Trivia Contest - Last issue we asked for guesses of how long Sol Cohen has been cutting hair at Ye Old Clip Joint. The guesses ranged from 25 to 55 years. Sol started in September 1965 so the closest guess and prize winner is Elliott Kronenfeld who guessed 41 years. His \$5 Gift Certificate to Upper Falls Variety is waiting at their counter and we're looking forward to hearing that he won the lottery.

BoxART - [The NewtonServes BoxArt committee](#) is launching a pilot program to take drab utility boxes around the city and turn them into works of public art. They're now soliciting proposals from artists and will select 5 to 12 artists and boxes for the pilot program. It would be great to have both an Upper Falls utility box and an Upper Falls artist chosen. So spread the word to neighborhood artists and send us the locations of utility boxes in the neighborhood that you think would make good "canvasses". Here's a collection of [photos of BoxART](#) in Boston.

Some Thoughtful & Charitable Upper Falls Kids - Lila Donovan, age 7 and Allie Riklin, age 11 have new haircuts. Both of these girls recently donated their heads of hair to [Locks of Love](#). Their donated hair will be turned into wigs for patients who have lost their hair due to cancer or other medical conditions.

Allie heard about the program and just thought it was a really good idea. She donated 12 inches of her hair ... about a year's worth of growth.

Said Lila's mom " We took her younger brother for a haircut, Lila had no intent to cut her hair - it was her crowning glory! While at the hairdressers she decided to have a trim and then on the spur of the moment decided to cut it off and donate it to Locks of Love after the hairdresser mentioned she would be able to do that if there was more than 10" to cut off. (One of our neighbors had cancer and lost her hair and that really put it into perspective for her.) She cut off 11.5" of hair, and donated it to Locks of Love in Florida.

Swinging Upper Falls - A city work crew and equipment were at the Emerson Playground repairing the swings this morning. The swing set has been out of commission recently due to shaky supports. The playground was built as a community project by the neighborhood about twenty years ago. After all these years it's showing various signs of wear and tear. Next up, is some maintenance on the gazebo and the roof of the slide tower. Kudos to the Area Council and the Parks & Recreation Department for taking care of this in time for some spring swinging. After all, slides and monkey bars are great ... "but it don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing"

Dunn Gaharins - The [Patch.com](#) readers chose Upper Falls [pub and eatery Dunn Gaherins](#) as the [Best Place to Celebrate St Patrick's Day in Newton](#). Now that St Patrick's Day is over, owner Seana Gaherin and bartender Kate Stanton are right back on their training regimen for the upcoming Boston Marathon. Seana is running in support of Project Hope and Kate is running for the Alzheimer's Association.

Donations to sponsor Seana - <http://www.crowdrise.com/SeanaGaherin>

Donations to sponsor Kate - <http://alz.kintera.org/boston2012/katestanton>

Area Council Web Site - The [Area Council's got a new web site](#) up and running thanks to Councilor Mark Bridger. The new site is part of the [City of Newton's main web site](#). The [Area Council is also on Facebook](#) - so "Like" them there and get regular updates.

Upper Falls Area Council - The Upper Falls Area Council is your voice to the city. Their next meeting is on Thursday, April 12 at 7pm at the Emerson Community Center on Pettee St. If you have ideas, concerns, or questions about anything else happening in the village, send an [email to the council](#), come to the meeting, or both.

Upper Falls Nursery School Now Enrolling - Since 1969, [Upper Falls Nursery School](#) has been running a half-day program for children ages 2.9 to 5 in the Emerson Community Center on Pettee St. Spaces are now available for the fall of 2012. Call 617-332-6488.

Spread The Word - Our goal is to collect email addresses from every resident of Upper Falls as well as anyone else who's interested in the village. Please help spread the word and urge your friends, family and neighbors to [sign up for The Upper Fall News](#).

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New Guidelines for Historic District - Much of our neighborhood is part of the Upper Falls Historic District which means that most exterior changes to our houses have to be approved by the Historic Commission. The city's Planning Department has just released a [revised set of design guidelines](#) which will guide that approval process in the years to come. The new guidelines are much more detailed and informative ... and feature a number of photos of Upper Falls houses. A public meeting will be held on **March 29th** at 7 PM in the aldermanic chambers to review the new guidelines and hear comments from the public. If you can't attend you can email comments before April 9th. In the meantime you can join an informal unofficial discussion about the issue [on-line at Village14](#).

How Would You Spend \$20 Million? - The Community Preservation Committee wants to know how you would allocate nearly \$20 million for affordable housing, historic resources, open space & recreation land in Newton over the next 5 years? Go tell us them Tuesday, **March 27th** from 7:30-9 pm at the Waban Library Center, 1608 Beacon Street. Enjoy a slide show about past Community Preservation Act projects & neighborhood history. Share your priorities for future funding & add them to our interactive maps. Refreshments

provided!

Trivia Answer - Indiana Terrace. The sign on the corner of Oak Street is spelled "Indiana Terrace" (correct). The sign at the opposite end near Hale and Pennsylvania is spelled "Indianna Terrace" (incorrect). It makes me want to petition the city for a new "Sbring St" sign for my street.